

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
118th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

The Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Hearing
Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

For Individuals:

Name: Ben Raines

Address: [REDACTED]

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Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name:

Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:

Business Address:

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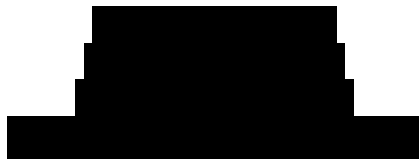
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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

Ben Raines



Education

New York University, Tisch School of the Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Film and Television (1993)

Duke University, 1988-1989

Experience

Environmental Fellow – University of South Alabama, Stokes School of Marine and Environmental Sciences, 2023-present

Owner/Captain — America’s Amazon Adventures (2015-Current)

Senior Reporter — AL.com (2015-2019)

Executive Director — Weeks Bay Foundation (2012-2105)

Environment Reporter (11/99 – 2012) Press-Register (401 North Water St. Mobile, AL 36602)

Features reporter (4/98 – 11/99) The Bulletin (1777 SW Chandler Avenue, Bend, OR 97702)

Political Researcher (10/95 – 4/97) NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw (4001 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington D.C.)

Skills

Writing and Editing, professional video and documentary work, photography, scuba diving, underwater photography, video editing, scientific sampling following chain of custody protocols, United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credential

Books

The Last Slave Ship – The True Story of How Clotilda Was Found, Her Descendants, and an Extraordinary Reckoning, Ben Raines, Simon & Schuster, January 2021

Saving America’s Amazon, Ben Raines, New South Books, December 2020

Heart of a Patriot, Ben Raines and Sen. Max Cleland, Simon & Schuster, 2008

Films

The Carnivorous Kingdom — Director and Writer 2022

The Underwater Forest — Director and Writer 2017

America’s Amazon — Producer and Writer 2013

Underwater footage used in documentaries on National Geographic TV, Discovery Channel, HD Network

Awards

Dauphin Island Sea Lab Marine Environmentalist of the Year, 2018

American Filmatic Awards, Best Ecological Film, The Underwater Forest

Alabama Filmmaker of the Year, 2017 Fairhope Film Festival

Southern Environmental Law Center Reed Award for writing on the Southern Environment, 2017 and 2002

Other first place awards: National Press Club, NRDC Oakes Award, Green Eye Shade, Associated Press Managing Editors, Society of Environmental Journalists, Sierra Club

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

4. Please disclose whether you are a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or

resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

5. Please list any current or pending litigation against the Federal government to which you or your organization is a party. Please disclose as applicable case name, docket number, the court, and subject matter of the litigation.